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DEMOCRACY WINNING.

It was prophesied when the war started that it would result favorably to democracy and fatally to kings. Democracy blundered and stumbled, but finally struck its gait. The democratic belligerents have demonstrated that even in military efficiency they are not at all inferior to nations ruled by divine-right monarchs. And now the political demonstration of democracy is beginning.

The first monarch to be bowled over is King Constantine of Greece. Nominally a constitutional king, he assumed the prerogatives of a Czar or a Kaiser. He derided the will of the nation, ousted from office the national hero Venizelos and reversed the statesman's policies. Today Constantine is still king, and Venizelos is a private citizen, but the private citizen is the real ruler of Greece. Zaimis, the prime minister, is doing the will of Venizelos and ignoring his royal master. There is nothing for Constantine but acquiescence or abdication.

The address delivered by Venizelos to a vast throng in Athens, on August 27, the anniversary of Greek independence, has just been transmitted to this country in full. It is a remarkable speech, both in oratorical effectiveness and in its sober, pitiless truth-telling to the king.

"You are the victim of your natural and human weakness," said Venizelos. "You hoped that after a German victory you would be able to concentrate in your own hands the whole power of government and sweep aside our system of liberty." As a result of that arrogant policy, "Instead of Greece being respected by friends and redoubtable to foes, we see her today pitted by the one, and despised, scorned and chastised by the other."

It is not thus that a subject talks to a king. Manifestly, Constantine has lost all but the shell of sovereignty, and he may yet lose even that. And the Greek nation, having at last asserted itself, is trying to wipe out the memory of two shameful years. In that undertaking, self-ruling nations the world over will wish her success worthy of the ancient Greece which gave democracy to the world.

Now that the democratic movement is definitely under way, there is reason to hope that two or three more monarchs who have been obstructing the progress of humanity will soon be sent to the scrap heap.

DRUGGIST REFORMS.

The proceedings of the druggists' convention at Atlantic City bore testimony to the wholesome efforts that American pharmacists have been making for the improvement of their profession and the reform of the drug industry.

One of the speakers complained that there are "too many drug stores and too few competent drug clerks." It used to be expected as a matter of course that a clerk would serve a long apprenticeship, and that any man calling himself a druggist was a genuine expert. Nowadays, said the speaker, "as soon as a clerk remains a year as assistant or as a registered clerk he begins to plan to open a store of his own." The druggists' association is trying to raise the standards and restore the profession to its former expert status.

It is doing much, too, to insure the purity of the drugs, distributed, and to reform the abuses of patent medicines. The pharmacists have insisted that medicine manufacturers shall live up to the terms of the federal pure food and drugs law, that the contents of bottles shall be accurately indicated, that no more alcohol shall be used than is necessary for preservative purposes, that habit-forming drugs shall be eliminated, that greater care shall be used in preparing remedies for children, and that patent medicine literature shall not carry deceptive statements and promises of curing incurable diseases.

In all these matters the druggists are doing more for the protection of the public than the public itself is doing. They ought to have more effective co-operation.

The Hughes speeches having been tested in the various mining districts of the Far West, the Philadelphia Record files the following report: "Hughes doesn't pan out under political assay."

The campaign committee of Robert Bacon, who is a candidate for United States Senator from New York, reads like a roster of the New York Stock Exchange.

ANOTHER MOSQUITO CRIME.

The mosquito now has a new iniquity charged to him—or rather, to her, for it's the females that do the harm. Medical scientists, in their quest for the cause of the mysterious and deadly infantile paralysis, are beginning to suspect the mosquito.

Dr. Charles S. Braddock, formerly chief medical adviser to the Siamese government, who has made a careful study of the mosquito as a carrier of infectious diseases, declares in a letter to the New York Medical Journal that he is convinced that this insect is the principal medium through which infantile paralysis is spread. It is already known to be the chief carrier of yellow fever, and since the discovery of that fact it has been a comparatively easy matter to prevent yellow fever epidemics by exterminating the mosquitoes in the threatened community.

Both yellow fever and poliomyelitis (infantile paralysis), Dr. Braddock points out, are filth diseases. "Both flourish in hot weather and cease in cold weather. Both diseases spread more rapidly in hot, humid weather and slow down in clear, cool, windy weather." Mosquitoes, he remarks, flourish and spread under precisely the same conditions. The epidemic now waning in and around New York has been accompanied by unusually damp weather, and by more mosquitoes than there have been for years. It has found the most victims in neighborhoods where doors and windows were least screened against the mosquitoes.

Bacteriologists may soon determine the accuracy or the error of this theory. If Dr. Braddock proves to be right, there will be another powerful incentive to fight the mosquito. And how much more provocation will be needed, before communities subject to this dangerous pest regard it seriously and take the trouble to get rid of it?

Mosquitoes have been known for years to be responsible for malaria, as well as yellow fever, and have been suspected of various other offenses. Even when not carrying diseases, they are an intolerable nuisance, making life miserable for human beings and depreciating the value of real estate. And yet nearly everywhere communities endure them through sheer inertia. It will be a blessing in many ways if the mosquito theory of infantile paralysis leads to a general onslaught on them next year.

IN SPITE OF POOR CROPS.

Ordinarily poor crops would greatly depress the stock market. In spite of the fact that our wheat crop is estimated at 400,000,000 bushels less than last year, that corn and cotton are below the average and several of the minor crops are disappointing, and in spite of the greater burden imposed on the railroads by the eight-hour law, standard securities are not only holding their own but rising.

The grain crops may shrink, but the gold crop and the war order crop continues to grow in volume. The golden tide from Europe pours in unceasingly. Our manufacturers are loading up with big new contracts for war supplies to be delivered next year. The demand abroad for standard products is steadily increasing, and is expected to expand greatly in the period immediately following the war. The domestic demand for goods of all sorts is so strong and healthy as to sweep away all forebodings.

Poor crops make higher prices, but the people have the price. Our prosperity seems proof against anything.

ROCK ISLAND ASSETS.

The affairs of the Rock Island Railroad have at last been wound up. It is written in the last chapter of this masterpiece of frenzied finance that the millions upon millions of dollars contributed by the gullible public have shrunk to \$23,224.84. From that sum there have been necessary disbursements of \$13,154, and there are to be further allowances which reduce the net assets of the \$150,000,000 corporation to \$5,000.

That is what the trusting investors will get out of it. The railroad financiers who ran the corporation on the rocks have, of course, long ago got theirs—literally. They are not in jail. They are in good society, prosperous and possibly happy.

It is such records as this that constitute the chief handicap of honest railroads, run as transportation lines and not as Wall Street gambling schemes, when they seek just treatment from the public and government. The few crooked roads have given the whole business a black eye. Every railroad in the country is still suffering for the sins of the Rock Island, the Frisco and New Haven.

COLLAPSIBLE SUIT CASES.

If a recent news dispatch is to be credited, a woman has invented a collapsible suit case which can be "folded up flat and small and carried under the arm when empty." Just why it is to be carried under the arm isn't quite clear. One would think it even more efficient to slip it into a pocket or other out-of-the-way place. However, people who are forced habitually to carry empty suit cases may, perhaps, be trusted to settle that point for themselves.

But there's another value in the collapsible suit case. Even to those ordinary mortals who rarely carry empty suit cases about with them this invention promises to be a boon. In these days when few people have spacious attics or basements for storing things, it is a real problem to dispose of empty suit cases between vacations. Collapsible ones that can be stored on closet shelves or in dresser drawers, and still leave room for other articles, are certainly well worth while. So let's be grateful to the inventress who has made this addition to modern convenience and efficiency.

And don't say any more that women never invented anything.

AMERICA ONE BRIGHT SPOT SAYS MARSHALL

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fairs, coining such phrases as "Firm Americanism" which they could not define.

Issue Not Tariff.

"The American people this year have made their own issue," said Mr. Marshall. "Those that the parties present may be only side issues. The real issue of this campaign is that thought which goes with the father to his work or business, which engrosses every mother, wife or sweetheart, which sits down with them at every fireside and goes to bed with them in every home, and that thought is 'Can the President of the United States continue to so patiently manage our international affairs as to maintain honorable peace?'"

U. S. One Bright Spot.

"The one bright, peaceful spot under the sun this day is America and it is so because the President pleads guilty to the charge of using words rather than shot and shell and shrapnel. If America is to lead the world toward that now seemingly far distant goal where brute force shall be bound by wisdom and conscience in fetters which it can never again break then these are the hours for mere words."

Takes Slap at T. R.

The Vice President made a caustic reference to the refusal of Theodore Roosevelt to accept the Progressive presidential renomination, declaring the former president was a leader "who promised he would lead at Armageddon but who, alas! deserted at Bull Moose Run," and now had "turned his back on the Holy Land." He predicted that the issues put forward by the Republicans would not be accepted as such by the people in the present abnormal year, adding "You cannot interest a bridegroom in the tariff nor a widow in the coffin trust."

Hughes Sidesteps.

The all-important question of what the Republicans would have done regarding the Lusitania, Mexico and Belgium, said the Vice President, had not been answered by the party's presidential candidate, Mr. Hughes. He added that "firm Americanism" should be categorically defined by those who had coined it, and declared the people would not be willing to discharge one doctor because he was criticised by another who offered no remedy.

Which Is It?

"In my opinion," said Mr. Marshall "the average American wants to know who is in the partnership with, Candidate Hughes in this 'firm Americanism.' Does the firm consist of Hughes and Roosevelt, of Hughes and Hohenzollern, or of Hughes, surviving partner of the firm of Hughes and Huera?"

INDIANAPOLIS, Sept. 14. — The parade was without the amount of red fire that had been planned. A large part of the supply was on an automobile truck and when on its way to the distribution point, the torches set fire in some manner. Several hundred dollars worth of fire works burned at once.

The meeting was very enthusiastic. The appearance of Mr. Marshall, Mr.

"NO—I'VE TRIED YOU ON THIS JOB BEFORE"

By BRINKERHOFF.



Glynn and other leaders was the signal for prolonged demonstration. About 25 members of the notification committee, including Mrs. Teresa Graham, of Couer D'Alene, Idaho, and Mrs. Harrison Foster, of Tacoma, several members of congress and national committeemen attended the notification.

TO THE VOTERS, OF WARREN DISTRICT.

I desire to express my appreciation of the support given me by the electors of Cochise county, in the primary election on last Tuesday. It is encouraging to know that one's service in public office meets with the approval of the people and their approval makes a public officer ambitious to give to his future work his very best efforts. I am grateful, therefore, to my friends throughout the county and I particularly desire to thank my friends in the Warren District for their generous support at the polls and their approval of my work as supervisor.

J. M. SPARKS,
Chairman Board of Supervisors.
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CALIFORNIA HEIRESS IS EARL'S BRIDE



Earl of Cottenham and bride leaving church after ceremony in a shower of rice.

One of the surprises of the season in London was the marriage of the Earl of Cottenham to Miss Patricia Burke, the lovely daughter of the late John Humphry Burke of California, which took place at fashionable St. George's, Hanover square, scarcely a week having elapsed since the announcement of the couple's engagement.



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